

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-31 are pending in the application.

Claims 11 and 21-30 are amended above to clarify the invention being claimed.

No new matter has been added to the application by way of these specification and claim amendments.

### **I. THE SECTION 101 REJECTION OF CLAIMS 11-20**

The examiner rejected claims 11-20 for claiming non-statutory subject matter. In particular, the examiner takes the position that the claims do not define patentable subject matter because they include – within their scope – both non-patentable and patentable subject matter.

### **II. THE SECTION 112 1<sup>st</sup> AND 2<sup>nd</sup> PARAGRAPH REJECTIONS**

The examiner rejected claims 21-30 under the first and second paragraphs of 35 USC § 112. It is the examiner's position that claims 21-30 are attempts to define a product or machine entirely by its function and that the claims must contain structural features to overcome this rejection.

The examiner's rejection has been overcome by amending claims 21-30 above to provide structure for the recited apparatus;

### **III. THE ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

The Applicant acknowledges the examiner's allowance of claims 1-10 and 31.

## **CONCLUSION**

All pending application claims are believed to be patentable for the reasons recited above. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is, therefore, courteously solicited.

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